

Night Wins To Glenelg, North

By KEITH BUTLER

Glenelg and North won the opening matches in the night football competition for "The Advertiser" Cup at Norwood Oval last night.

GLENELG . . .	5.6	7.9	8.11	9.12	(66 pts.)
STURT . . .	2.1	4.4	4.7	7.14	(56 pts.)
N. ADEL.	3.5	5.9	5.11	6.16	(52 pts.)
NORW'D . .	3.2	4.7	5.12	6.14	(50 pts.)

A crowd of 8,250 saw Glenelg virtually beat Sturt in the first quarter of the early match.

off a strong Sturt finish to win by 10 points.

North, always looking to have more potential, beat Norwood by two points in a thrilling game. The lead changed four times in the last quarter.

Davies Hurt

Glenelg captain-coach Neil Davies was carried off on a stretcher in the second quarter of the opening night game at Norwood Oval last night.

Davies twisted his left knee in a mid-field skirmish in the match against Sturt and was in great pain when taken from the ground.

It was a recurrence of an injury he received in the second-last minor round game last year.

He received a knock on the knee in Glenelg's main trial on Saturday.



W. Shapter (Sturt) tackles K. Peek (Glenelg) in the opening match of "The Advertiser" Cup football competition at Norwood Oval last night.

10-Pt. Victory

Despite a fighting last quarter, Sturt went under by 10 points to Glenelg.

Sturt recovered from a 23-point deficit at half-time.

Sturt, sent into attack by Clayton Thompson, had 11 on the board in the first two minutes, but it did not score again until near the end of the first quarter.

With Herron dominating centre, Barnes winning his wing and Davies far too pacy and clever for Blows at centre half-forward, Glenelg kicked 5.4 while Sturt got the ball ahead of centre only three times.

Sturt was held together only by the brilliant ruck work of Thompson, but most of his hit-outs were snared by Glenelg rovers Richens and Fraser, or Herron.

Sturt often paid dearly for using handball in the scoring zone.

Glenelg was much tighter in defence, with Leahy, Blackburn and Hill outstanding.

With Shanks a winner at centre wing and the defence more purposeful, Sturt's football improved during the second quarter.

Sturt, however, was unable to reduce its deficit because of the robust Glenelg defence led by Butler and Linke.

Each side scored 2.3 for the quarter and Glenelg at half-time led by 23 points.

Shanks, one of Sturt's stars, left the field in the third quarter.

Glenelg kicked 1.2 to three behinds and, with a 28-point lead at the last change, was in an unbeatable position.

With Hogan lending grand roving support to Thompson, Schoff making the most of his limited opportunities at full forward and Halbert in touch at centre, Sturt finished with 3.7 to 1.1.

Goalkeepers—Glenelg, Kendall, 2.1; Hewett, 2.1; Richens, 1.2; Alexander, Barnes, Rocher, 1.0; Fraser, 0.3; McLeod, Davies, 0.2; rushed 0.1. Sturt, Schoff, 3.4; Goodchild, 2.0; Hogan, 1.1; Thompson, 1.0; Sims, 0.6; Ellis, 0.2; rushed, 0.1.

Best players—Glenelg, Blackburn, Butler, Barnes, Fraser, Herron, Cutten, Sturt, Thompson, Harding, Hogan, Schoff, Shanks, Goodchild.

GLENELG COACH CONFIDENT

"The Advertiser" Cup Final

By MERV AGARS

Coach Neil Davies is confident that Glenelg can beat West Adelaide in the final of "The Advertiser" Cup competition at Norwood Oval tonight.

"I feel our three rovers are better than West's and will give us matchwinning drive," Davies said last night.

"I expect the West rovers to be so busy chasing our smart trio that they will have little time to win kicks for themselves."

Davies also expects the pace Glenelg will generate across centre and half-back to worry West and give Glenelg's forwards plenty of opportunities.

"The new blood we have introduced this year was probably responsible for our stronger finish against North Adelaide last week," he added.

"With the young chaps running on strongly, our usual last quarter slump was missing."

"We didn't let North get back into the game after we got on top."

Replacements

Only 11 members of the team that played in Glenelg's last minor round game last year are in tonight's team.

The seven replacements are ruckmen Paul Robinson, Garry Alexander and Doug Blackburn, full forward Trevor Kendall, centreman Bill Herron, half-forward and third rover Howard and centre half-back Butler.

Robinson, Alexander, Blackburn and Kendall are all new to league football this season, Herron is a former WA league player.

A win tonight could boost Glenelg's confidence

sufficiently to give it a great start to the league season.

It will meet teams out of last year's final four in its first three games.

Obviously aware of the danger of Glenelg's powerful roving trio, West Adelaide has attempted to counter it by naming three rovers and the feet-footed Benton as a ruck-rover.

But Wright is the only member of the West quartet to show form in the night games.

Third rover Day and Benton will make their first appearance in the night competition.

West's trump cards tonight, as against Torrens last week, could be ruckman Ken McGregor and centreman Bert Johnson.

Both are playing at the top of their form—McGregor's great ruckwork and intelligent field play and Johnson's ball handling skill and blinding speed forcing winning openings.

Steadiness

On last week's form, the Glenelg half-forwards will earn their kicks against West centre half-back Bray and half-back flanker Garnett.

The return of A'Court should add steadiness to West's last defence line and enable it to retain "The Advertiser" Cup.

The game will start at 8 p.m., and will be umpired by J. L. Sweeney.

The night final will be preceded by a match between new seconds teams Woodville and Central Districts, to start at 6.15 p.m.

Semi Final

Glenelg Wins Easily By 18 Points

By KEITH BUTLER

Handling the ball with more confidence and showing superior teamwork, Glenelg scored a comfortable 18-point win over North Adelaide in last night's SANFL semi-final for "The Advertiser" cup at Norwood Oval.

GLENELG . . .	6.2	9.6	10.14	12.20	(92)
NTH. ADEL.	3.2	6.6	7.7	10.14	(74)

A crowd of 5,000 saw North, badly let down by its rovers, trail throughout the game.

North was three goals down at quarter and half time, 25 points at the last change and, although it finished the stronger, never looked to have sufficient power to pull the game out of the fire.

Glenelg might have built an unbeatable lead but for its poor kicking for goal in the third quarter, when it scored 1.8.

With an edge in pace and its rovers, Howard, Fraser and Richens, snaring all the hitouts from Bubner and Moore, Glenelg opened up more impressively.

Although Carroll and Mudge defended strongly, North's football was a chapter of swift kicks and mishandling.

Herron was almost kicking his leg off at centre, while the clever and tigerish Fraser and Howard, together with Hewett's constructive play at half-forward, enabled Glenelg to score four goals in succession and open up a 17-point lead.

Lindner twice opened up with intelligent hand-passes, while Glenelg under pressure for the first time, muddled and fumbled in defence with Shepherd and Bubner kicking goals to make the difference five points.

Two bad mistakes by McCann allowed Hewett and Fraser to boot goals and give Glenelg a three-goal break at the first change.

Although Bubner continued to ruck magnificently his rovers still let him down.

With Koerner prominent at centre, and Don Lindner and Barbary driving the ball forward, North had opportunities, but crowding, shoddy teamwork and mishandling brought little reward.

The Glenelg rovers were "killing" North and, on numerous occasions, Fraser and Howard were allowed



to do almost as they liked. A clever goal from Howard was followed by a towering mark from Peter Robinson, which he booted through for Glenelg's ninth goal.

This left North trailing by 21 points, and at half-time its deficit was still three goals.

"DISJOINTED"

With Herron putting the side into attack with long, raking dropkicks, Cutten winning at centre half forward and former colt, Kendall, a menace at full forward, Glenelg swarmed all over a disjointed North in the third quarter.

Glenelg might easily have sewn up the game in the first 10 minutes, but kicked six successive behinds—three from easy range—before Howard burst through to goal, giving it a lead of 30 points.

Glenelg, with every man playing hard, was upsetting North with quick, fearless tackling.

North, however, could not handle the ball even when it got it into the open.

In a tangle of legs North rover T. Hughes (centre) goes up for the ball between Glenelg players A. Linke (left) and R. Leahy during last night's night football semi-final at Norwood Oval.

After a series of spasmodic drives North scored its only goal for the quarter in the last two minutes to be 25 points down at the last change.

North threatened to make a game of it when Forrest goaled early in the last quarter, but Glenelg, with young Alexander fighting hard in the ruck, quickly countered with a goal from Richens.

Beaten Side

When Hughes was flattened from behind, the promising Kent was given a downfield free from which he goaled.

This left North trailing by 21 points and, with half the quarter gone, it looked a beaten side.

It was still battling hard, but unable to crack the Glenelg defence where John Robinson was playing magnificently.

Goalkeepers—Glenelg, Howard, Kendall, 3.3; Hewett, 2.1; Cutten, 1.4; Richens, 1.3; Fraser, P. Robinson, 1.2; Edwards, Alexander, 0.1. North Adelaide, Sheppard, 2.2; Hughes, Kent, Moore, 2.1; Forrest, 1.3; Bubner, 1.0; D. Lindner, 0.2; Koerner, Trenorden, Potts, rushed, 0.1.

Best players—Glenelg, Fraser, Cutten, Howard, J. Robinson, Herron, Hewett, North, Bubner, D. Lindner, Carroll, Barbary, Koerner, Moore.

Grand Final

NIGHT TITLE TO GLENELG

Glenelg, in a fighting and accomplished display, won "The Advertiser" cup when it beat West Adelaide by two points in a vigorous game at Norwood Oval last night.

GLEN. . .	1.4	7.4	7.6	11.9	(75 pts.)
WEST AD.	2.6	6.7	9.12	10.13	(73 pts.)

In a terrific finish with neither side sparing weight nor vigor, Glenelg, which trailed by three goals at the last change, gradually whittled down the deficit.

With six minutes remaining, it held a two-point lead.

West, however, came back to kick a behind, and with the teams playing on little else but raw courage, Glenelg bullocked its way to another point, then held off a do-or-die bid by West.

An outstanding feature of Glenelg's win was the brilliant performance at centre of former WA player Bill Herron.

VIGOROUS

In a vigorous opening Cartwright in the back pocket twice broke up West attacks before Benton streaked round the pack to kick the first goal.

Although West, driving through a tigerish Gates at centre wing, was doing most of the attacking, its snaphooting was badly astray.

It kicked six behinds in a row before Kerley marked on an angle to punt a 50-yard goal.

Garnett, A'Court and Hewitt were proving stumbling blocks to Glenelg, which did not score its first point until 12 minutes after the start of the quarter.

But with Herron (centre) and rovers Richens and Fraser making opportunities, Glenelg, after again being driven out by the bulky but pacy A'Court, broke through late in the quarter when Richens snared his first goal.

Down eight points at the first change Glenelg was let in when Brown succeeded in the wrong direction. The ball finished in the goal square and Richens booted it through for a goal.

Soon afterwards, however, Brown made amends for his blemish. With a fine running pick up he booted West's third goal.

Day followed almost immediately by hooking a dropkick through to give West a lead of 14 points.

Quick thinking by Kendall, who gave Fraser a lightning hand pass, enabled him to run into an open goal.

DEVASTATING TIGER RUN

With Alexander now coming into the ruck duels, Glenelg unwound a devastating run and, after goals from Howard and Cutten and Richens, hit the front by four points.

A blind punch over the shoulder by Bray fell into Howard's arms, who shot the ball through for another goal, and West under pressure had become a rabble.

After some willing clashes, Wright cleverly twisted out of a clawing pack to snap a goal, leaving Glenelg with a three-point lead at half-time.

Roach, in the ruck when the third quarter opened, kicked a goal from point blank range to put West two points up.

Johnson, tripped at half-forward, was given a free and sent a long punt through for a goal.

When Kerley cleverly shepherded to allow Wright through to kick another goal, West had gone to a four-point lead.

A heavy short downpour failed to slow the game.

Disaster hit West when ace ruckman Ken McGregor broke down with a knee injury and was carried off the field.

There was a flare-up between Johnson and Don Hewitt, both players letting go with back-handers.

Herron was still playing magnificently at centre but, with the ball greasy and difficult to handle, Glenelg was finding it hard to break through and was 18 points down at the last change.

Cutten's goal within a minute of the last quarter brought an equally quick reply from West after Kerley drove the ball forward from the bounce for Benton to mark and goal.

West's drives were breaking up at half forward where Butler and John Robinson were on top.

Don Hewett, now a force at half forward, goaled. Later Richens cleverly warded off an opponent to put a long left kick through for full points, leaving Glenelg trailing by a goal.

Hewett and Howard had comparatively easy chances to goal, but both kicked inaccurately.

The crowd roared as Glenelg slowly got closer, but West, with Wright fighting like a terrier, was not yet done. It ruined two opportunities, however, by foolish play in the forward lines.

Each side pounded the other's defence, with players throwing themselves about recklessly.

Howard snapped a goal from almost over his right shoulder to give Glenelg a two-point lead with 10 minutes to go.

West got within a point, but there was no denying Glenelg, which was fighting with everything it had.

Eglinton, freed about 50 yards out, kicked weakly and Glenelg took the ball downfield.

Then Leahy marked magnificently to keep West out as the bell rang.

Goalkeepers—Glenelg—Richens, 4.0; Howard, 3.2; Cutten, 2.1; Hewett, 1.1; Fraser, 1.0; Kendall, 0.2; Cartwright, 0.1; rushed, 0.2. West—Wright, 3.1; Benton, 2.4; Day, 1.3; Kerley, Brown, each 1.2; Roach, Johnson, each 1.0; Richardson, 0.1.

Best players—Glenelg—Herron, Richens, J. Robinson, Alexander, Butler, Howard, West—Gates, Garnett, McGregor (until injured), A'Court, Wright, Eglinton.



Duel By Ruckmen

G. Alexander (Glenelg) has the better of ruck duel with J. Richardson (West Adelaide) in last night's football final at Norwood Oval. Another West Adelaide player awaits the outcome. Other picture, Page 16.

Glenelg Plans May Be Upset

By MERV AGARS

Glenelg may have to revise its plans for a reorganised attack, now captain-coach Neil Davies is in doubt for the opening league games with a severe knee injury.

This is the seventh of a series reviewing prospects of league clubs for the 1959 season.

"I had made up my mind to play at centre half-forward in an effort to instil purpose and directness in our attack," Davies said yesterday.

"We often broke down badly there last year.

"I am no Bob Hank when it comes to passing a ball, but I was hoping to establish some method in our attack.

"With Don Hewett and me on the half-forward line I felt we could set up at least one winning position there each Saturday."

While Davies remained on his feet in Glenelg's opening night game against Sturt on Tuesday his plan appeared to be working like a charm.

Then Davies broke down and Glenelg went to pieces—adding only 3.6 for the remainder of the match to Sturt's 5.10.

While Davies remains inactive, it looks as though Glenelg will have to return to the old order of things in attack.

"If, as seems likely, I miss the opening game, probably we shall have to move Hewett to centre half-forward or take Peter Cutten from ruck to play there," said Davies.

"Cutten played some fine football there at times last season."

DISEASE

Glenelg's fuddling, slap-happy last half on Tuesday night left supporters convinced the team was still suffering from the disease that marred its performances last year.

Repeatedly last season Glenelg began matches with bursts of pacy, precision football but cracked badly in the second half.

Davies, however, is confident he can cure the disease this year.

"After starting well, players suddenly would lose all sense of teamwork, would run around blindly getting in each other's way and kicking blindly," he said.

"This year I feel it will be different.

RUCKMEN

"I am confident Glenelg will be stronger this season, if only because of improved rucks.

"Last year we had only one reliable knock ruckman—Ian May.

"Now we have three extremely promising young followers in Garry Alexander, Peter Robinson and Doug Blackburn.

"Alexander and Robinson are both tall—over 6 ft. 3 in.—good movers and as

game as they come. Blackburn, a strong, run-on ruckman, went well in the night game.

"Then we have a long string of other followers in Graham Branson, Peter Cutten, Kevin Abley, Tony Wetherald and Fred Pemberton."

ROVERS

Davies said Richens and Fraser were automatic choices as rovers with Howard a strong possibility as a third.

"The keenest competition for positions will be in the forward lines and at centre wing.

"Form in the trials probably will decide full forward between 17-year-old Trevor Kendall and Brian Flew.

"Kendall shows a lot of promise. He is always in front of his opponent, strong for his age and faster than most full forwards on the ground.

"In the running for places at half-forward are McLeod, Abley, Butler, Howard and 19-year-old Wudinna recruit Pat Hynes.

"There are no certainties among the five wing contenders—Edwards, Slattery, Peek, Barnes and Brian Beal.

DEFENCE

"As long as Baillie recovers quickly from his knee injury, the defence looked fairly well established.

"Baillie at centre half-back, Linke and Robinson on the flanks, Hill at full back, Leahy in the back pocket and Stock a strong contender for either the back pocket or half-back flank seems the set-up.

"If, however, South Melbourne defender John Hamilton is cleared, there could be a change or two."

Glenelg Captain's Injury

Glenelg Football Club's doctor has told captain-coach Neil Davies that the injury to his left knee cannot be diagnosed until the swelling in the joint subsides.

Davies's knee was more than twice its normal size when he consulted the club doctor yesterday.

Arrangements have been made for him to see a specialist.

While Davies is incapacitated Glenelg training will be in the hands of seconds coach, Brian Potter.



Peter Cutten



Don Hewett